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1. "According to figures supplied by the Government Bureau for Petroleum Products the total consumption figures in Holland during October 1953 were as follows:

Product	M3	Metric Tons	Barrels
Gasoline	90,154	64,911	579,590
Gas oil	76,109	63,170	488,683
Fuel oil	79,216	77,632	509,421

"Royal/Dutch Shell Refinery now Biggest in Europe

2. "On the refinery of the BPM (Royal/Dutch Shell Group) at Rotterdam-Pernis, a new distillation-unit with a capacity of 3-1/4 million tons of crude oil annually was recently taken into use. This has made the refinery at Pernis, having a total capacity of almost ten million tons a year, the biggest in Europe.
3. "Before 1940, the refinery had a capacity of 1 million tons of crude oil per year. During the war the plant was heavily damaged, but since 1946 intensive reconstruction has taken place, combined with large extensions requiring an amount of more than Dfl. 275 million. Besides four distillation-units, the refinery comprises a thermal and a catalytic cracking plant, lubeoil and asphalt plants etc. The chemical industry, based on crude oil is also well represented at Pernis.
4. "A factory for the production of a washing-powder, one for plastics of the pvc-type and a plant for the preparation of 'epikote-resins' are in operation. Besides a factory for the preparation of a number of solvents and one for the production of the insecticides Aldrin and Dieldrin are under construction. Moreover there is a plant for sulphur extraction.

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"Development of Petroleum Refining in the Netherlands"

3. "In 1952 the petroleum refineries established in the Netherlands produced approximately two million tons of gasoline and some 2.9 million tons of fuel oil.
4. "In 1938 about half the home consumption of gasoline was imported direct, while practically all fuel oil was imported; exports were negligible.
5. "In 1952 the Netherlands was in a position to export about 1.5 million tons of gasoline and about 1.9 million tons of fuel oil.

"Tanker for Caltex Oceanic Ltd Launched in Holland"

6. "The 3,000 ton twin-screw motor tanker Caltex Padang, building for Caltex Oceanic Ltd was launched at a yard at Kinderdijk (near Rotterdam). Her dimensions are: length 79.2 m (260 ft), width 13.5 m (45 ft) and draught in fresh water 5.2 m (17 ft). Capacity of the cargo tanks is 3,780 cu m (133,500 cu ft). The vessel is suitable for both sea and river navigation.

"Natural gas in the Netherlands"

7. "The Minister of Economic Affairs has stated that production possibilities of natural gas in the Netherlands are continually changing. On 10 Aug 51 the Nederlandsche Aardolie Maatschappij (NAM) (Netherlands Petroleum Company) for the first time offered 100,000 cu m (3,531,470 cu ft) of natural gas per day for a period of ten years.
8. "On 29 Nov 51, this quantity was increased to 130,000 cu m (4,590,910 cu ft) per day. On 6 Feb 52, the offer was increased to 200,000 cu m (7,062,940 cu ft) per day for ten years, later on converted to 100,000 cu m (3,531,470 cu ft) per day for twenty years.
9. "In February 1953 this quantity was further increased to 400,000 cu m (14,125,900 cu ft) per day, which is equal to 146 million cu m (5,156 million cu ft) per day for twenty years, i.e. in all about 3,000,000,000 cu m (105,944,000,000 cu ft). An additional 100,000 cu m (3,531,470 cu ft) per day has now been offered for two years.
10. "Annual total consumption of energy in the Netherlands can be put at the equivalent of some 20 million tons of standard coal. The annual quantity of 146 million cu m of natural gas offered corresponds to some 165 thousand tons of standard coal. With respect to the Netherlands energy economy this quantity, therefore, is not of outstanding importance. It will probably be possible to increase considerably the quantity of gas offered. The NAM is continuing exploration.

"Natural Gas Pipelines - Capacity"

11. "Of the 469-km (290-mile) transport line projected for the distribution of natural gas in the East and North of this country. 363 km (225 miles) have been laid. The laying of the whole system which was started in the spring of 1952, will be completed by the end of 1953.
12. "Fourteen municipalities now obtain natural gas from the distributing center. An agreement was recently concluded with N V Koninklijke Nederlandse Zout-industrie, Hengelo (Province of Overijssel) for the supply of 200,000 cu m (7,062,900 cu ft) of natural gas per day for two years.
13. "The latest estimate of total delivery capacity stands at 400,000 cu m (14,125,900 cu ft) per day for twenty years.

"New Netherlands Whaler"

14. "A new mother ship for whale fishing was put on the stocks of a yard at Schiedam (near Rotterdam).

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15. "Displacement will be 46,000 tons and deadweight tonnage 26,400 tons. The crew will number 500 men.

16. "It is expected that the vessel will be delivered before the 1955 hunting season.

"New Electric Power Station Near Amsterdam

17. "The new electric power station, Hemweg, near Amsterdam was officially opened a short time ago.

18. "The capacity of the station is 100,000 kw. In 1956 the capacity will have been doubled.

19. "The buildings, standing on a 3-hectare site (7.5 acres) have a total size of 520,000 cu m (18,363,600 cu ft). The boiler house is 132 m (433 ft) long, 18 m (59 ft) wide and 40 m (131 ft) high.

20. "Investment in this power station amounted to Dfl. 112.5 million.

"New Philips Factory at Nijmegen

21. "The construction of a new factory of N V Philips' Gloeilampenfabrieken was started at Nijmegen (Province of Gelderland).

22. "This factory will specialize in the manufacture of components for television sets. One of the most important departments of the factory is the development laboratory. Construction is expected to be completed in a year."

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